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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your July 22 letter. I appreciate your efforts to tone down the hard-sell contained in the informal proposal. At first when discussing the idea with [REDACTED] I was reluctant to have the working paper submitted to the IHC for the reasons you mentioned. I believe that the Phase "0" study effort is a necessary prerequisite to formulating any position, official or otherwise. Fortunately, we are now ready to initiate the necessary ARPA orders to [REDACTED] and his group who will work with [REDACTED] in defining the applications and payoffs if such a network were, in fact, a reality. Their efforts cannot succeed, however, without the enthusiastic support of CIA executives. Here, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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I will be out of the office during August 1-24. Let's plan to meet when I return. Thanks again for your assistance and support.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED)

John F. Egan